

Major Mitchell's Cockatoo

Lophochroa leadbeateri



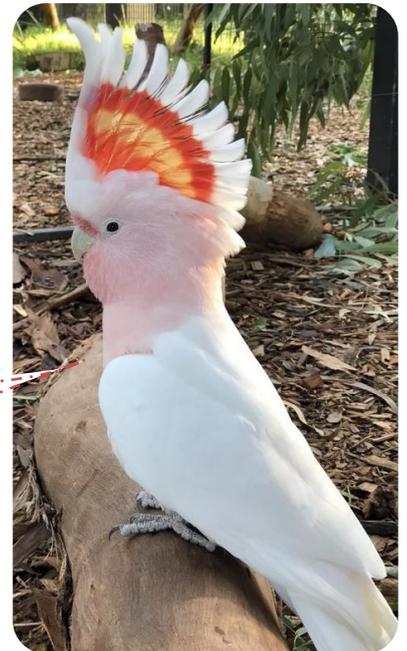
WHO AM I?

A small to medium size parrot - which means they are a type of **bird**.

They can only be found living in the wild in **Australia**.

They have a pale pink and white body.

The feathers on the top of the head are called a **crest**, they will look white when these feathers are down, but will be bright bands of red, orange, and yellow when raised.



My name is **Dusty**.
I like untying shoelaces and
nibbling on the work boots of my keepers.
Sometimes I like to whistle a tune or
copy some of your words.

BEHAVING LIKE A COCKATOO

Major Mitchell Cockatoos are **omnivores**, this means they will eat fruits, nuts, roots, plant seeds and bulbs but will also eat insects. These birds like to feed mostly on the ground.

They can use their **claws** for both holding onto their food and for climbing. They have very strong **beaks** to help them break open seeds and nuts.

Their crest feathers will be used to help them attract a **mate**. They will only have one partner for their whole lives.

They can also use these feathers to warn other birds about nearby danger

FINDING ME

They are found across all the states of mainland Australia and never far from water and like to live in semi-arid or arid scrubland or woodland areas.

You will find their nests in the **hollow** of trees. These holes or hollows can take up to 100 years to form in the trees which makes them very important spaces.

FAST FACTS

I can live to be very old
- up to 70 years

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Very clever, they can
learn to mimic some of
your words

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The only cockatoo to
have multi-coloured
crest

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Other names for me
are Pink Cockatoo or
the

Leadbeater's Cockatoo

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An average of 2 - 4
chicks will be born in
Spring.

